†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—I have not got that information.

Sri MADHAV RAO.—May I know whether culverts will be constructed across these nallas?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—We propose to take up this work. We have taken up this work under the Rural Communication Programme and we can spend only Rs. 6 lakhs. If it is possible we will do it or otherwise if they are important we will examine them.

CLOSURE OF THE TWO RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING GATES TO THE WEST OF GADAG RAILWAY STATION

*Q.—769. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the two railway level crossing gates to the west of Gadag Station are now completely closed for the traffic;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the public are much inconvenienced as pedestrians now have to pass round about below the newly constructed Bridge Road;

(*c*) whether there was any definite commitment by the Gadag Municipality and the State Government with the Railway for the closure of these two level crossing gates after the construction of the Railway bridge and the road?

A.— Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Development and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The matter is not free from doubt and is being examined.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know on what ground the Government is of the opinion that the pedestrians are not inconvenienced?

†Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—According to the report we have received from the Deputy Commissioner and for want of any representations.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether the Government would be pleased to instruct the railways for the construction of a wicket gate over the bridge?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—They say that at the present time it may not be possible because it would involve extra cost. If they do that, they will have to maintain certain staff, etc. They further say that it was done according to the agreement between them and the Mysore Government represented by the Executive Engineer and the Municipality represented by the Municipal President. They are not prepared to do anything now. At the same time we have no objection to correspond with the Regional Commissioner.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether there was any commitment on the part of either the Government or municipality?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.— It is a doubtful point. The plan is countersigned by the Municipal President and it is also signed by the Executive Engineer of the Mysore Government. By these two signatures the railway department say that they have committed to the proposition. It is a question of interpretation which is not definite, so far as I am concerned.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Merely because there is a signature to the plan, does it amount to any commitment. There is no signature to the agreement.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—The plan as was drawn up was implemented and executed. The railway department says that we have committed ourselves to this proposition. That is what they say.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಹುರಕ್ಕೋಟಿ.—'ಬಿ' ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ 'No' ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಡರಾಗಿದೆ, ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಅಂಡರ್ ಬ್ರಡ್ಜ್ ಕಳಗೆ ತೊಡೆಯ ಮೆಟ್ಟ ನೀರು ನಿಲ್ಲುತ್ತದೆ, ಜನರಿಗೆ ಆ ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಈ ಹೊತ್ತು ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಹುರಕ್ಕೋಟಿ.—ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಗೇಟ್ ತಂತಿಯನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೆಲವರು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ಒಬ್ಬಬ್ಬರು ತಂತಿಯನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಕಾಣದಂತೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರಬಹುದು. ಮುಂದಾದರೂ ಈ ಜಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಗೇಟ್ ಇಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಎಸ್. ಹುರಕ್ಕೋಟಿ.—ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಹಾಯುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ರೈಲ್ವೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಸುಬ್ರಹ್ಮಣ್ಯ.—ತಿಳಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಭ್ಯಂತರವಿಲ್ಲ.

THE AREA UNDER CULTIVATION OF PADDY, JOWAR AND RAGI CROPS IN THE STATE.

*Q.—790. Sri M. P. PATIL (Hukeri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total area under cultivation of paddy, jowar and ragi crops in the State ;

(b) the average yield per acre of these crops ;

(c) the acreage covered by improved seeds of paddy, jowar and ragi ;

(d) what is the increase in yield of these crops by using improved seeds instead of (local) ordinary seed ;

(e) since how many years the improved seed scheme is in operation in the State ;